

March 13, 2018

Regarding: Opposition to HB 5447: AAC Act Implementing the Recommendations of the Auditors of Public Accounts Concerning Private Providers of Special Education

Dear Representative Fleishmann, Senator Slossberg, Senator Boucher and Members of the Education Committee:

I am writing in opposition of HB 5447. This bill will negatively impact the ability of private providers to deliver quality programming for children with special needs in Connecticut. Students who require private placement often also require specially trained staff with higher staff to student ratios because of their level of need. This bill can negatively affect the quality of the programming that is required to educate some of the state's most challenging and vulnerable children.

Please do not let this bill move forward.

Sincerely,  
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